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Georgia's hunting regulations, seasons, and bag limits are set by the members of the State Game and Fish Commission, acting on the recommendations of the Commission's trained game management specialists and experienced field personnel. License fees and general laws are determined by the Georgia General Assembly.

These laws and regulations are designed to conserve Georgia's magnificent wildlife resources not just for today's sportsmen, but for generations to come. Help do your part by knowing the game laws and setting the example for your fellow sportsmen.

This book is intended as a popular guide. For the exact wording of the game laws and regulations, see the Georgia Code and the current copy of the State Game and Fish Commission regulations on file at all county courthouses.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

To pay for Georgia's wildlife conservation efforts, all hunters 16 years of age or over are required to have a valid hunting license with them while hunting, except when hunting on lands owned by them or their immediate family residing in the same household.

Residents who are 65 years of age or over may obtain an honorary license free of charge by application to the Commission. Non-residents must have the appropriate non-resident license as shown below.

BIG GAME LICENSE

Anyone who hunts deer or turkey in Georgia and who is required to purchase a regular hunting license must also have a valid big game license in addition to his regular hunting license. If the hunter uses firearms only, he would be required to buy a regular hunting license, plus a big game license. Bowhunters would be required to purchase the big game license in addition to the bow and arrow hunting license. A man who hunts deer with both bow and arrow and firearms would be required to buy a regular hunting license and ONE (1) big game license. He would be allowed to kill only two deer per season by any method (gun or bow) or combination of methods. Residents under 16 and over 65 and landowners hunting on their own property must have complimentary deer tags issued by the State Game and Fish Commission to take deer. Non-residents regardless of age must purchase the appropriate non-resident hunting license and big game license to hunt deer or turkey in Georgia.

LICENSE FEES

Resident Licenses

Hunting License	\$ 4.25
Hunting and Fishing Combination	7.25
Bow and Arrow Hunting License	3.25
Trapping License	4.25
Big Game	3.25

Non-Resident Licenses

Hunting License (10 day trip)	\$15.25
Season Hunting License	25.25
Archery License (10 day trip)	12.50
Season Archery License	25.25
Big Game (season)	10.25
Public Hunting Preserve Permit	5.25
Private Hunting Preserve Permit	12.50
Trapping License	35.00

Resident Georgia hunting licenses are available in all parts of the State from almost 2,000 license dealers including most hardware stores, sporting goods stores, bait dealers, etc.

Resident archery licenses, trapping licenses, and non-resident licenses are available at some license dealers or from the State Game and Fish Commission, License Division, Trinity-Washington St. Building, 270 Washington St., S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Orders by mail should include the complete description and address of the applicant, with the proper payment. All licenses purchased during the 1971-72 season expire on March 31, 1972.

Application forms for the honorary over-65 years of age hunting license may be secured from the Commission's office in Atlanta or from any district office.

Non-residents are not required to have a hunting license while competing in registered field trials.

Illegal Hunting Methods

Hunters are not allowed to hunt from any road maintained at public expense and intended for public use, to fire across any such road, or to hunt from an automobile, airplane, or power boat. It is illegal to destroy the dens and homes of wildlife, or to set fire to grass, trees, or marsh lands for the purpose of driving out game. Deer may not be taken in a stream or lake.

Hunters may not use a light at night to locate game, nor may they use pits, cages (except in legal trapping), drugs, poisons, chemicals, smoke, gas, explosives, fitchew, weasels, guinea pigs, or rodents of any kind, artificial light, or mechanical device other than a firearm or bow and arrow as spelled out in the hunting regulations. It is illegal to use any electronic call for game birds or animals.

General Regulations

Hunters may not hunt while under the influence of any intoxicating beverage. It is illegal to sell, offer to sell, to buy or offer to buy any wildlife. No live game animal may be held in captivity without a permit from the Commission.

Firearms must be unloaded when transported in or upon a motor vehicle in game management areas, and must not contain shells in either the chamber or the magazine. No game or non-game birds or animals may be imported into the state by anyone. No one may possess such birds or animals without first obtaining a holding permit from the Game and Fish Commission. Stocking such species in the wild is prohibited.

Possession of firearms within any state game management area is prohibited except during firearms hunting seasons within the areas.

WILD HOGS

Hogs are considered non-game animals in Georgia. They are legally the property of the landowner, and cannot be hunted without his permission, except on public lands. Firearms are limited to shotguns with Number 4 shot or smaller, .22 rimfire rifles, centerfire rifles with bore diameter .225 or smaller, all caliber pistols, muzzle loading firearms, and bows and arrows.

Firearms Laws

Georgia law prohibits any person except a law enforcement officer from carrying a concealed firearm. Unconcealed pistols may be legally carried only by law enforcement officers or by Georgia residents who have first obtained a permit from the ordinary of their county of legal residence.

State and federal law prohibits the possession of a rifle with a barrel less than 16 inches long or of a shotgun with a barrel less than 18 inches long.

Hunting Accidents

Any person who causes or is involved in a hunting accident in which a human being is killed or injured by means of a firearm or bow and arrow must identify himself, give what assistance he can to the victim, and immediately report the accident to the nearest office of the State Game and Fish Commission, State Patrol, or county sheriff's office.

WARNING

Hunting Without Permission

It is illegal to hunt on private property without first obtaining permission from the owner. Wildlife rangers, sheriffs, and deputy sheriffs all actively enforce this law. If you are questioned while hunting on the lands of another, you should be able to prove that you have permission to hunt, although written permission is not required. Many timber companies will allow hunting on their lands, but require hunters to pick up a free permit or to notify the company of the names and addresses of persons in your hunting party, exactly where you plan to hunt, and how long.

When permission has been obtained to hunt, hunters should take extra care to avoid damaging any private property in the hunting area, such as livestock, houses, barns, fences, and other installations. Vandalism and carelessness with fire by uninvited hunters are the greatest reasons for the abundance of "No Hunting" signs guarding thousands of acres of private land in Georgia.

Hunting Maps

Non-relief maps of individual Georgia counties showing highways, smaller unpaved roads, streams, and exact locations of county lines and boundaries of State Game and Fish Commission game management areas may be obtained for 25 cents each from the State Highway Department, Room 354, 2 Capitol Square, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. A less detailed map of the entire Chattahoochee National Forest showing recreational areas with picnic and camping facilities is available free of charge from the U. S. Forest Service, Box 643, Gainesville, Georgia 30501. Detailed topographical maps of individual Georgia quadrangles may be ordered for 50 cents each from an index available free on request from the Map Information Office, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. 20242.

Non-relief maps of State public hunting areas, game management areas, and all National Forest land in Georgia may be obtained free of charge from the State Game and Fish Commission, Trinity-Washington St. Building, 270 Washington St., S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Maps of Piedmont National, Savannah National, and Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuges are available free from the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 809 Peachtree and Seventh Street, Atlanta Georgia 30323. A free hunting map of Fort Stewart may be obtained from the Provost Marshall, Fort Stewart, Georgia 31314.

HUNTING REGULATIONS 1971-72

A regulation to fix bag limits, to open and close seasons for all wildlife; to regulate the manner, method, ways, means and devices of killing, taking, capturing, transporting, storing, selling, using, and consuming wildlife; to provide for an effective date; to prohibit the transportation of loaded firearms in or upon motor vehicles within public game management areas; to prohibit the buying, selling, or possessing of any untanned alligator hide or skin within the State, declare the same contraband and provide procedures in connection with the disposal thereof; to prohibit the importation of alligators; to provide for game management areas; to prohibit the importation of wildlife; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to and by authority of a comprehensive act of the General Assembly of Georgia, completely and exhaustively revising and superseding the laws relating to game and fish, approved March 7, 1955, (Ga. L. 1955, p. 483), as amended, the following rule and regulation is hereby promulgated and adopted by the State Game and Fish Commission, to-wit:

(The number which precedes each of the following regulations, e.g. Section 1, is an unofficial designation. The number which follows each regulation, e.g. 260-2-.01, is the official designation as appears in the "Official Compilation, Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia.")

SECTION 1

EFFECTIVE DATE: These provisions shall become effective on April 1, 1971, or upon compliance with the requirements of the aforesaid law and the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, whichever occurs first, and continue in force and effect until changed. (260-2-.01 Amended)

SECTION 2

CLOSED COUNTIES: All counties or parts of counties not specifically opened by law or regulation are closed to the taking of game birds and animals. (260-2-.64)

SECTION 3

LEGAL HOURS: All opening dates begin 30 minutes before sunrise on the opening date and all closing dates end 30 minutes after sunset on the closing date. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset, all dates inclusive. (260-2-.02 Amended)

SECTION 4

REPORTING KILL: Each deer and each wild turkey killed must be reported in writing to the Georgia Game and Fish Commission within five days after killing. (260-2-.03 Amended)

SECTION 5

LEGAL FIREARMS: (1) Shotguns must be plugged to limit them to a capacity of three (3) shells for hunting all wildlife.

(2) Guns for hunting deer are limited to 20 gauge shotguns or larger loaded with slugs or buckshot, muzzle-loading rifles .40 caliber or above, or to rifles using any center fire cartridge with expanding bullet .22 caliber or above with the following exceptions: .25-20, .32-20, .30 Army Carbine; .22 Hornet, .218 Bee, .22 Remington Jet Magnum, .221 Remington Fireball, the .256 Winchester Magnum, and the .38 Special.

(3) Firearms for small game shall be limited to shotguns loaded with Number 4 shot or smaller, muzzle-loading firearms, pistols, or .22 rimfire rifles.

(4) Firearms for hunting non-game birds and animals are limited to shotguns with Number 4 shot or smaller, .22 rimfire rifles, center fire rifles with bore diameter .225 or smaller, all caliber pistols, muzzle-loading firearms, and bows and arrows. (260-2-.04 Amended)

SECTION 6

TRANSPORTATION OF LOADED FIREARMS: The transportation of loaded firearms in or upon motor vehicles within public game management areas is hereby prohibited. (260-2-.05 Amended)

SECTION 7

HUNTING IN STATE AND FEDERAL PARKS PROHIBITED: Hunting on, or the possession of firearms on, any State or Federal Park is hereby prohibited. (260-2-.65)

SECTION 8

POSSESSION OF FIREARMS: The possession of firearms or bows within any game management area shall be prohibited except as otherwise provided by law or regulation. (260-2-.06 Amended)

SECTION 9

LEGAL BOWS: Bows for the purpose of taking deer and turkey are legal during the regular hunting season and must have a minimum recognized pull of 40 pounds. Cross bows and mechanical bows are illegal for the hunting of game in Georgia except as otherwise provided. (260-2-.07 Amended)

SECTION 10

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: (1) Any resident 16 years of age or older is required to have a valid hunting license while hunting, except when hunting on his own land or land owned by his immediate family.

(2) Persons under age and/or persons holding honorary hunting licenses may obtain deer tags upon request from the Georgia Game and Fish Commission at any district office, or from the State Office, Atlanta, Georgia.

(3) Any resident 16 years of age or older is required to have a valid big game license while hunting deer or turkey, except when hunting on his own land or land owned by his immediate family.

(4) All non-residents regardless of age, who hunt or possess big game must, in addition to a non-resident hunting license, have in his possession a non-resident big game license.

(5) Non-residents shall not be required to hold a non-resident hunting license for the purpose of competing in registered field trials. (260-2-.08 Amended)

SECTION 11

TAGGING GAME: It shall be the duty and responsibility of each person killing a deer to tag the same with a deer tag, furnished by the State Game and Fish Commission as a part of the license to hunt deer, within thirty (30) minutes after the person comes into possession of the deer. The deer tag shall be properly filled out and shall remain on the deer at all times until it has been processed for consumption. It shall be unlawful for any person to have possession of a deer that is not properly tagged. Any deer that is found not properly tagged will be confiscated, and the person in possession thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (260-2-.09 Amended)

SECTION 12

STORING GAME: No private or commercial cold storage plant, processing plant, or carrier shall accept for storage, processing, shipment, or for any other purpose, any deer that is not properly tagged. Any deer found at any place or in the possession of any person, that is not properly tagged, shall be confiscated, and the person in possession thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and prosecuted as prescribed by law. Deer tags are not transferable nor can they be re-used. (260-2-.10 Amended)

SECTION 13

MAXIMUM DEER LIMIT: The maximum number of deer that may be killed by any person by any means, during the entire open and managed deer hunts shall be two (2), only one of which may be a doe; however, there shall be a bag limit of one (1) deer on the managed hunts. Legal deer kills on all buck hunts must have visible antlers (exposed bone above the hair). (260-2-.11 Amended)

SECTION 14

MAXIMUM TURKEY LIMIT: The maximum number of turkey which may be killed by any means during the entire hunts shall not exceed two (2). The maximum number of turkey which may be killed by any means during the entire managed hunts shall not exceed one (1). (260-2-.44 Amended)

SECTION 15

FIREARMS ON ARCHERY HUNTS: It shall be illegal for any archery hunter to have in his possession any type of firearm while hunting with bow and arrow during archery season. Bows may be used during the regular firearms deer season, but hunters must abide by firearms bag limits. (260-2-.29 Amended)

SECTION 16

GAME MANAGEMENT AREAS: All game management areas are closed to the taking of any wildlife except during special seasons. Counties listed herein as being

open for the regular hunting season do not include those portions within game management areas. (260-2-.66 Amended)

SECTION 17

ALLIGATORS: (1) There is no open season for the taking of alligators.

(2) No person shall buy, sell, or possess any untanned alligator hide or skin within this State, whether or not such hide or skin was taken within the State of Georgia or elsewhere. All such hides or skins are hereby declared to be contraband and shall be seized by officers of the Commission and disposed of as directed by the Commission.

(3) No alligators shall be transported into the State of Georgia from any state in which the taking of alligators is prohibited. All such alligators are hereby declared to be contraband and shall be seized by officers of the Commission and disposed of as directed by the Commission. (260-2-.60 Amended)

SECTION 18

BEAR: There is no open season for the taking of bear. (260-2-.12 Amended)

SECTION 19

DEER: The killing of antlerless deer in this state is illegal at any time except in areas as specifically provided in this regulation. It shall be illegal and a violation of this regulation for any person to knowingly possess the meat of any illegally killed deer, except hereinbefore provided, after same has been killed by any persons without a special permit for such possession from the State Game and Fish Commission. It shall be illegal for any person to knowingly conceal the illegal killing of any deer by any person or persons by accident or otherwise. (260-2-.24 Amended)

SECTION 20

DEER: Evidence for the purpose of determining the sex must be shown on the deer while in the field. (260-2-.25 Amended)

THE VIOLATOR IS A THIEF

Because Georgia's wildlife belongs to everyone, the game law violator is a thief. You can help preserve Georgia's wildlife by reporting violations, along with the car tag number on the violator's car, a brief description, the location, time, and other helpful information. Rangers may be reached by calling collect the nearest district office of the Commission, your local sheriff or police department, or the ranger's home.

Game and Fish Commission offices and their telephone numbers are:

Atlanta	(404) 522-6566
Brunswick	(912) 265-1552
Calhoun	(404) 629-8675
Dawson	(912) 995-5614
Fitzgerald	(912) 423-2988
Ft. Valley	(912) 825-8248
Gainesville	(404) 536-3488
Macon	(912) 742-1335
Manchester	(404) 846-2541
Metter	(912) 685-2145
Richmond Hill	(912) 756-3679
Thomson	(404) 595-4211
Walton	(404) 577-2586
Waycross	(912) 283-6639



LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICTS
State Game and Fish Commission

SECTION 21

DEER: (1) (Archery Hunt) October 1 through October 30, 1971, in any county or part thereof having a legal firearms deer season. Bag limit two (2) bucks or one (1) buck and one (1) doe. Hunting with dogs prohibited.

(2) Exception: (Archery Hunt) October 1 through October 14, 1971, in those counties and/or parts thereof (see Section 30) having an October 15 opening firearms deer season. Bag limit two (2) bucks or one (1) buck and one (1) doe. Hunting with dogs prohibited.

SECTION 22

DEER: Buck only: November 6 through November 20, 1971, in the following counties except as otherwise provided in Section 32: Appling, Atkinson, Banks, Barrow, Berrien, Bartow and Cherokee counties except that portion between Knox Bridge and Stamp Creek, south of Ga. Highway #20 to Allatoona Reservoir, which portion will be open during the managed hunt schedule, that portion of Coffee County lying north of Ga. Highway #32, Brooks, Carroll, Chattooga, Clay, Dade, Dawson, Dooley, Douglas, Fannin and Gilmer except that portion of these counties containing the Cohutta Wildlife Management Area as follows: beginning at the Murray-Fannin County line and the Georgia-Tennessee State line; thence running easterly along said line to Tumbling Creek Road (FSR-22); thence southerly down Tumbling Creek Road to Watson's Gap, thence continuing in a southerly direction down Three Forks Road (FSR-64) to Dyer Gap; thence down Flat Top Mountain Road (FSR-64A) to the Flat Top Mountain; thence in a southerly direction down the ridge of Flat Top Mountain to Fowler Gap to Wolfpen Gap to Wolfpen Gap Road; thence in a southwesterly direction down Wolfpen Gap Road to East Mountaintown Creek Road; thence southwesterly along East Mountaintown Creek Road to Mountaintown Creek Road; thence westerly along Mountaintown Creek Road to Holly Creek Gap Road (FSR-90); thence northwesterly along Holly Creek Gap Road to Potato Patch Road (FSR-68); thence westerly along Potato Patch Road to Murray-Gilmer County line; thence northwesterly to the Fannin-Gilmer County line; thence westerly along said line to the Murray-Fannin County line; thence along said line to the point of beginning; that portion of Echols lying west of the Alapaha River, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Jackson, Lanier except that portion lying north of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and east of the Alapaha River and southeast of U.S. Highway #221; Lowndes, Lumpkin, Madison, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Quitman, Rabun, Randolph, Stephens, Sumter, Towns, Union, Walker, and White. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dog prohibited. (260-2-.20 Amended)

SECTION 23

(Omitted intentionally)

SECTION 24

DEER: Buck Only: (1) November 6 through November 27, 1971, in the following counties except as otherwise provided in Section 33: Colquitt, Coweta, that portion of Ben Hill County lying east of U.S. Highway #129 and that portion of Dodge County west of Georgia Highway #230 and north of U.S. Highway #280, Fayette, Heard, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Meriwether, Montgomery, Telfair, Tift, Troup, Wheeler, Wilcox, and Worth. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs prohibited.

(2) **DEER: Buck Only:** November 15 through November 27, 1971, only in that portion of Johnson County east of the Little Ohoopsee River. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs allowed.

(3) **DEER: Buck Only:** November 25, 26, 27, 1971, only in portion of Dodge County west of Georgia Highway #230 and north of U.S. Highway #280 and that portion of Wilcox County lying east of U.S. Highway #129 and north of U.S. Highway #280. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs allowed. (260-2-.68 Amended)

SECTION 25

DEER: Buck Only: November 6 through November 27, 1971, only in that portion of Toombs County lying south of Ga. Highway #107 and Ga. Highway #56. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs allowed. (260-2-.15 Amended)

SECTION 26

DEER: Buck Only: November 6 through December 4, 1971, in the following counties except as otherwise provided in Section 27 and Section 28: Baldwin, Bleckley, Butts, Clarke, Columbia, Crawford, Elbert, Greene, Hancock, Harris, Henry, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lincoln, Macon, McDuffie, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Peach, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Richmond, Rockdale, Schley, Spalding, Talbot, Taylor, Taliferro, Twiggs, Upson, Walton, Warren, Wilkinson, and Wilkes. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs prohibited. (260-2-.14 Amended)

SECTION 27

DEER: Either Sex: December 3 and 4, 1971, only, in the counties of Baldwin, Butts, Columbia, that portion of Crawford north of U.S. Highway #80, Greene, Hancock, Jones, Lamar, Lincoln, McDuffie, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Putnam, Talbot, and Wilkes. Bag limit one (1) buck and one (1) doe or two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs prohibited. (260-2-.22 Amended)

SECTION 28

DEER: Either Sex: December 4, 1971, only, in the counties of Crawford south of U.S. Highway #80, Henry, Jasper, Macon, Spalding, Taylor, and Upson. Bag limit one (1) buck and one (1) doe or two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs prohibited. (260-2-.69 Amended)

SECTION 29

DEER: Either Sex: December 31, 1971 and January 1, 1972, only, in the counties of Chattahoochee and Muscogee. Bag limit one (1) buck and one (1) doe or two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs prohibited. (260-2-.70 Amended)



State Firearms Deer Season

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SECTION 30

DEER: Buck Only: October 15, 1971, through January 1, 1972, in the following counties except as otherwise provided in Section 31: Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Candler, Chatham, Charlton, except that portion lying northwest of the Okefenokee Swamp, which is closed; Clinch County, except that portion lying in the southwest corner of the county, bordered on the north by the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and on the east by Suwannee Creek which is closed and except that portion of Clinch County lying north of Arabia Bay Wildlife Management Area and between U.S. Highway #221 and U.S. Highway #441 which is closed, and except that portion of Clinch County lying northwest of U.S. Highway #221, which is closed; Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, and that portion of Echols County lying east of U.S. Highway #129 and south of Georgia Highway #187; Glynn, Jefferson, Jenkins, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Screven, Wayne, Washington, Tattnall, that portion of Lanier County lying north of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and east of the Alapaha River and southeast of U.S. Highway #221; and also that portion of Pierce County lying south of U.S. Highway #82 east of Ga. Highway #121, and west of Ga. Highway #32. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs allowed. (260-2-.13 Amended)

SECTION 31

DEER: Either Sex: October 15, 1971 through January 1, 1972, the islands, except Sapelo and Blackbeard, and marshes lying east of the Intracoastal Waterway in Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Glynn, Liberty, and McIntosh counties will be open for the taking of deer of either sex. Bag limit two (2) bucks or one (1) buck and one (1) doe. Hunting with dogs allowed. (260-2-.37 Amended)

SECTION 32

DEER: Buck Only: November 18, 19, 20, 1971, only in that northeast portion of Appling County bordered on the west by U.S. Highway #1 and on the south by U.S. Highway #341, that portion of Atkinson County lying south of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and east of U.S. Highway #221, that portion of Berrien County lying east of U.S. Highway #129, south of the Alapaha River, north of Georgia Highway #76 and west of the Georgia Highway #135. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs allowed. (260-2-.23 Amended)

SECTION 33

DEER: Buck Only: November 19, 20, and 26, 27, 1971, only, in Colquitt County. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs allowed. (260-2-.43 Amended)

SECTION 34

DEER: Buck Only: November 6, 1971, through January 1, 1972, in the following counties except as otherwise provided in Section 35: Baker, Calhoun, Camden, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, and that portion of Lee County lying west of U.S. Highway #19. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs allowed. (260-2-.17 Amended)

SECTION 35

DEER: Either Sex: November 6, 1971, through November 13, 1971, in the following counties: Baker, Calhoun, and Dougherty. Bag limit one (1) buck and one (1) doe or two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs allowed. (260-2-.39 Amended)

SECTION 36

DEER: Buck Only: (1) November 6, 1971, through January 1, 1972, except as otherwise provided in Section 29 and Sub-section 2 of Section 36 in the following counties of Chattahoochee, Glascock, Marion, Muscogee, Stewart, and Webster. Hunting with dogs prohibited. Bag limit two (2) bucks.

(2) **DEER: Buck Only:** December 20, 1971, through January 1, 1972, in the following counties: Glascock, Marion, Stewart, Webster. Bag limit two (2) bucks. Hunting with dogs allowed. (260-2-.19 Amended)

SECTION 37

GROUSE: November 20, 1971, through February 29, 1972. Bag limit three (3) daily; possession limit six (6). (260-2-30 Amended)

SECTION 38

OPOSSUM: (1) October 16, 1971, through February 29, 1972, in Carroll, Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, Elbert, and all counties north of those listed. No bag limit.

(2) All counties south of the above named counties are open year round for the taking of opossum. No bag limit. (260-2-.31 Amended)

SECTION 39

QUAIL: November 20, 1971, through February 29, 1972. Statewide season. Bag limit twelve (12) daily; possession limit thirty-six (36). (250-2-.32 Amended)

SECTION 40

RABBIT: (1) November 20, 1971, through January 31, 1972, in the counties of Carroll, Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Hall, Habersham, and all counties north of those listed will be open for rabbit hunting. Bag limit five (5) daily.

(2) November 20, 1971, through February 29, 1972, in all counties south of the above listed counties. Bag limit ten (10) daily. (260-2-.33 Amended)

SECTION 41

RACCOON: (1) October 16, 1971, through February 29, 1972, in Carroll, Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, Elbert, and all counties north of those listed. Bag limit one (1) per night per person.

(2) All counties south of the above named counties are open year round for the taking of raccoons. No bag limit. (260-2-.34 Amended)

SECTION 42

SQUIRREL: (1) August 14, 1971, through September 4, 1971, in the counties of Harris, Talbot, Upson, Monroe, Jones, Baldwin, Hancock, Warren, McDuffie, Columbia, and all counties north of those listed. Bag limit ten (10) daily.

(2) Statewide season is October 16, 1971, through February 29, 1972. Bag limit ten (10) daily. (260-2-.35 Amended)

SECTION 43

SEA TURTLES: There is no open season on sea turtles and eggs. (260-2-.36 Amended)

SECTION 44

TURKEY: April 17, 1971, through May 1, 1971, in the counties of Banks, Chattooga, Dawson, Fannin, Floyd, Franklin, Gilmer, Gordon, Habersham, Lumpkin, Murray, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, Walker, White, and Whitfield. Bag limit one (1) turkey gobbler. (260-2-.40 Amended)

SECTION 45

TURKEY: (1) (Wildlife Management Area Only Spring Season) April 26 through May 1, 1971, on Blue Ridge, Chattahoochee, Johns Mountain, and Burton. Bag limit one (1) turkey gobbler. Permit required; available at checking station.

(2) April 12 through April 17, 1971, on the Clark Hill Management Area. Bag limit one (1) turkey gobbler. Permit required; available at checking station.

(3) March 22 through March 27, 1971, Bullard Creek Management Area. Bag limit (1) turkey gobbler. Permit required; available at checking station.

(4) April 19 through April 24, 1971, on the Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge. Bag limit one (1) turkey gobbler. Permit required (application for permit required prior to March 31, 1971); available from Refuge Manager, Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, Round Oak, Georgia 31080.

(5) April 12 through April 24, 1971, on the Fort Stewart Military Reservation Area. Bag limit one (1) turkey gobbler. Permit required; available at checking station or from Provost Marshall's office, Fort Stewart, Georgia. (260-2-.42 Amended)

SECTION 46

TURKEY: March 27 through April 24, 1971, in Wilkes, Lincoln, Taliaferro, Warren, McDuffie, Columbia, Chattahoochee, Houston, Marion, Muscogee, Talbot, Twiggs, Wilkinson, and Stewart counties. Bag limit one (1) turkey gobbler. (260-2-.41 Amended)

SECTION 47

TURKEY: March 13 through April 17, 1971, in Ben Hill, Brantley, Coffee, Charlton, Decatur, Dodge, Pierce, Telfair, Wilcox, Camden, that portion of Clinch and Echols counties lying east of U.S. #441 and south of Ga. Highway #94. Bag limit two (2) turkey gobblers. (260-2-.71 Amended)

SECTION 48

TURKEY: November 20, 1971, through February 29, 1972, in the counties of Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and Thomas. Bag limit two (2) per season. (260-2-.38 Amended)

SECTION 49

GAME ANIMALS: The following animals are hereby proclaimed and declared to be game animals and are protected except during the specified open hunting seasons: Deer, Alligator, Bear, Rabbit, Raccoon, Opossum, Squirrel, Sea Turtle and eggs. (260-2-.49 Amended)

SECTION 50

FUR BEARING ANIMALS: The following animals are hereby proclaimed and declared to be fur bearing animals and are protected except during specified open trapping seasons: Mink, Otter, Muskrat, Skunk, Opossum, and Weasel. (260-2-.50 Amended)



MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Seasons and bag limits for migratory game birds are set each year in compliance with Federal guidelines and

are not available until August. Information on those seasons will be available by Sept. 1, 1971.



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SECTION 51

GAME BIRDS: The following birds are hereby proclaimed and declared to be game birds and are protected except during specified open hunting seasons: Turkey, Quail, Grouse, Doves, Hybrid Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus talischensis*), Duck, Geese, Brant, Rails, Red Jungle Fowl, Gallinules, Coots, Woodcock, and Snipe. (260-2-.51 Amended)

SECTION 52

NON-GAME BIRDS: The following birds are hereby proclaimed and declared as non-game birds and are not protected: Buzzards, Crows, English Sparrows, Black Birds, Starlings, and Jays. (260-2-.53 Amended)

SECTION 53

TRAPPING: (1) Raccoons may not be trapped in Carroll, Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, and Elbert counties or any county lying north of these counties. There shall be no closed season for the trapping of raccoon in any of the counties south of the above listed counties. The trapping season for opossum, muskrat, otter, mink, and skunk shall be November 20, 1971, through February 29, 1972. There shall be no closed season on the trapping of fox, bobcat, or beaver in this State. No other wildlife except those specified may be trapped at any time within this State.

(2) The use of traps on any wildlife management area by any persons not authorized by the Game and Fish Commission is hereby prohibited. (260-2-.45 Amended)

SECTION 54

FUR, HIDE AND PELT REPORTS: Within ten (10) days after the close of trapping season, all trappers must report the number of furs, hides, or pelts which have been taken during the open season and the person, firm, or corporation to whom sold. Such reports must be made to: State Game and Fish Commission, Trinity-Washington Street Building, 270 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. (260-2-.46 Amended)

SECTION 55

EXPORTATION OF FURS, HIDES OR PELTS: Any person, firm, or corporation who shall ship, transport or otherwise convey any furs, hides, or pelts from any point within this State to any point outside this State shall file with the Commission a report of the number and type of furs, hides, or pelts exported from this State and name and address of the person, firm, or corporation to whom such furs, hides, or pelts were shipped. Such reports must be submitted immediately after any shipment and failure to submit such a report will result in revocation of license. Any furs, hides, or pelts shipped, transported or otherwise conveyed from any point inside this State to any point outside this State contrary to any provisions of this regulation shall be declared contraband and seized and disposed of as provided by law. (260-2-.47 Amended)

SECTION 56

IMPORTATION OF WILDLIFE: Any person, firm, or corporation desiring to import any live game or non-game birds or animals into this State from any point outside this State must first file with the State Game and Fish Commission an application to import such live game or non-game birds or animals. Those game birds or animals or non-game birds or animals that the Commission approves for importation into this State shall first be certified by the U.S. Department of Public Health as being disease and parasite free. The animals or birds must then be held in quarantine for at least twenty (20) days. At the end of this period, the birds or animals shall be inspected by a wildlife biologist from the State Game and Fish Commission who shall determine the health and well being of the animals or birds at that time. If such birds or animals are not deemed an undesirable species, a holding permit will be issued after the above requirements are met. No game or non-game birds or animals shall be imported into this State by any person, firm, or corporation for release into the wild. (260-2-.48 Amended)

Any regulations or parts thereof in conflict with any of the above is hereby repealed.



GAME MANAGEMENT AREAS

Dates and regulations for the wildlife management areas currently open for deer hunting on a one week fee basis will be included in a separate folder along with public hunting areas which is normally available by October, and which will also include regulations for the deer hunts and small game hunts, maps of the areas, and directions to the checking stations. For a free copy, write the State Game and Fish Commission, Trinity-Washington Street Building, 270 Washington Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30334, or contact the nearest office of the Commission.

All game management areas are closed except during special seasons.

FEDERAL AREAS

Regulations on Piedmont National and Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuges are established with the federal government by October, and will be available from the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 809 Peachtree and Seventh Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30323. Regulations on Fort Stewart will be set by September and will be available from the Provost Marshal, Fort Stewart, Georgia 31314.



GEORGIA FISHING REGULATIONS

Georgia is a fisherman's paradise richly blessed with every type of sport fishing found on the North American continent. Few states can match the tremendous variety of Georgia's fishing, ranging from the leaping rainbow trout in the mountain streams of North Georgia to the sea trout and channel bass of the Golden Isles of Georgia. In between these lie thousands of miles of long flowing rivers, large artificial impoundments, and many thousands of smaller fishing lakes famous for their fabulous bass and bream fishing. In such a vast water area teeming with fish, only the most liberal restrictions need to be placed on sport fishermen to insure the annual renewal of this magnificent Georgia natural resource.

The regulations and information contained in this folder are intended only as a general guide for sport fishermen. For the exact wording of fishing laws and regulations, see the Georgia Code and the current copy of the regulations of the State Game and Fish Commission on file at all county courthouses. For information on commercial fishing regulations, or other fishing information, contact the Georgia Game and Fish Commission, Trinity-Washington St. Building, 270 Washington St., S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30334.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

All fishermen 16 years of age or older in the State of Georgia are required to have a valid current State fishing license in their possession while fishing in fresh water, with the exception of landowners and members of their immediate family who may fish without a license on their own property. No license is required for fishing in saltwater.

Residents over 65 years of age, blind persons, and totally disabled veterans may obtain a permanent honorary fishing license free of charge by personal or mail application to the Game and Fish Commission's office in Atlanta.

TROUT STAMP

All non-resident fishermen and all resident fishermen between the ages of 16 and 65 must have a trout stamp to catch and keep trout. Resident anglers holding honorary licenses and resident anglers under 16 years of age are not required to have a trout stamp. A season trout stamp costs \$2.25 for residents and \$10.25 for non-residents.

LICENSE FEES

Resident Fishing License	\$3.25
Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing ..	7.25
Non-Resident Fishing (5 day trip)	3.25
Non-Resident Season Fishing License	10.25

Resident Georgia fishing licenses are available in all parts of the State from more than 2000 license dealers in most hardware stores, sporting goods stores, bait dealers, marinas, etc. Many license dealers also sell non-resident fishing licenses.

All licenses may be purchased in person or by mail from the State Game and Fish Commission, Trinity-Washington St. Building, 270 Washington St., S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30334.

Orders by mail should include the complete physical description and address of the applicant, with the proper payment. All licenses purchased during the 1971-72 season expire on March 31, 1972.

SEASONS

All streams, lakes, and ponds of Georgia are open to fishing throughout the entire year with the exception of the mountain trout waters of North Georgia. See trout regulations for details. Sunday fishing is allowed.

DAILY CREEL LIMITS

Bream (Bluegill, Red Breast, and other species of Bream)	50
Crappie, Yellow Perch	50
White Bass	30
Largemouth Black Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Red- eye Bass, and Spotted Bass or Kentucky Bass	15
Striped Bass or Rock Fish	5
Chain Pickerel or Jack	15
Brook or Speckled Trout, Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout	8
White Shad, Hickory Shad	8
Sauger, Walleye	8
Muskelunge	2
Channel Catfish	No Limit

(See section on reciprocal agreements for creel limits on waters adjoining other states.)

There is a creel limit of five largemouth bass in Lake Russell, and the McDuffie Public Fishing Area. There is a creel limit of 25 sunfish of all species and five largemouth bass on Lake Worth. There is a creel limit of five largemouth bass, five chain pickerel, and 25 sunfish (including bluegill, warmouth, redbreast, stumpknocker, and round flie) on the Suwannee River. Channel catfish may not be taken on the Suwannee River.

POSSESSION LIMITS

No person may possess at any time more than 50 fish in the aggregate or total of all the species named except channel catfish and no more than 15 large or smallmouth bass, 30 white bass, or 8 trout of any or all species in the aggregate or total possession.

SIZE LIMITS

There is a 15 inch limit on striped bass or rock fish. There are no other minimum or maximum size limits on game fish in Georgia, with the exceptions noted in the trout regulations and in the following areas which all have a ten inch size limit on largemouth bass: Lakes Sinclair, Tobesofkee, Worth, Blackshear, Jackson, and Russell; McDuffie Public Fishing Area; Williams Public Fishing Area; Arrowhead Public Fishing Area; and in the state park lakes: Indian Springs, Hard Labor Creek, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Fort Mountain, Laura S. Walker, A. H. Stevens, Magnolia Springs, Gordonia Altamaha, Fort Yargo and High Falls State Park. There is a size limit of 12 inches on largemouth bass on Suwannee River. The Suwannee River has a size limit of 15 inches on chain pickerel or jack. The use of baskets, set hooks, trot lines, nets, and all other types of commercial fishing gear are prohibited in all State Park Lakes.

For further information on state parks and their facilities, contact the State Parks Department, 270 Washington St. S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334. For information on Lake Russell and other Chattahoochee National Forest recreation areas, contact the U. S. Forest Service, Peachtree-7th Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30323.

FISHING METHODS

Holders of sport fishing licenses may take fish only with rod and line, or on trot lines or set hooks with a combination of 50 or less hooks. It is illegal to use any batteries, generators, explosives, poisons, gigs, spears, firearms, etc. Fish may not be grabbed or captured by hand. Nets, baskets, trot lines with more than 50 hooks, and other such devices may not be used to take rough fish without possession of a commercial fishing license or basket permit, except in private ponds. No commercial fishing is allowed in Lake Worth or Lake Tobesofkee. With the exception of commercial shad fishing, nets are not allowed in any river or stream. Nets may not be used in any impoundments lying between Georgia and Alabama on the Chattahoochee River. Lakes Seminole, Blackshear, Sinclair and Jackson are closed to net fishing.

SKIN DIVERS

Skin divers may take rough fish in fresh water, provided the diver is completely submerged and uses a spear attached with a line to his body or weapon. A special spear fishing license is required in addition to the regular State fishing license: \$5.25 for residents, \$25.25 for non-residents. Spear fishing licenses are available only from the Atlanta office of the Game and Fish Commission.

BOW AND ARROW FISHING

Archers may take rough fish year around, provided they possess a regular State fishing license. Bows must be capable of shooting an arrow for at least 100 yards. Arrows must be barbed and have a line attached to the bow or archer for recovering the fish. Arrows with poisonous or exploding heads and mechanical bows or crossbows are not allowed. Archers may not shoot from a bridge or public road, or within 150 feet of any sport fisherman. Bow and arrow fishing hours are from sunup to sundown. Any game fish found in the possession of a bow and arrow fisherman shall be considered illegally taken, therefore, archers may not fish with a pole and line at the same time, or vice-versa.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

Under reciprocal agreements between adjoining States and the Georgia Game and Fish Commission, Georgia fishing licenses will be honored on all waters adjoining Alabama (with the exception of Lake Weiss), Florida, and South Carolina, and on Lake Chatuge bordering North Carolina. Georgia fishing licenses are honored on the Alabama bank on impounded waters between the two states, with the exception of Lake Weiss. Only the main portions of the adjacent waterways are covered, not the tributary streams.

Creel limits on adjoining waters are those of the individual state having jurisdiction in that portion of the waterway, except that the Alabama creel limits and other regulations are the same as the Georgia regulations and creel limits. For a list of the creel limits and other regulations of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida, write the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Raleigh; South Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Columbia; Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Tallahassee.

Georgia motorboat registrations are honored in all surrounding states, however, Alabama requires unregistered Georgia motorboats of 10 horsepower or less to display a decal which may be obtained free of charge from the Georgia Game and Fish Commission's Atlanta, Calhoun, Manchester or Dawson offices. Georgia motorboats operating in Alabama also must obey more stringent Alabama safety equipment requirements. For a free copy, write the Alabama Department of Conservation, Montgomery.

BOATING SAFETY

Georgia boating safety laws and regulations require that all boaters keep at least one Coast Guard approved life preserver on board for each person in their boat. Boats with motors over 10 horsepower in size must be registered with the Game and Fish Commission. A free copy of the boating laws and regulations is available on request from the Commission's Atlanta office.

RESERVOIR MAPS

Maps of the eight U. S. Army Corps of Engineers reservoirs in Georgia, including Allatoona, Lanier, Hartwell, Clark Hill, Savannah Bluff, Fort Gaines, Columbia, and Seminole, are available free of charge from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division, Lawyer's Title Building, Atlanta, Ga., 30303.

Maps of reservoirs of the Georgia Power Company, including Sinclair, Jackson, Burton, Rabun, Seed, Tallulah, Bartletts Ferry, Goat Rock, Oliver and Worth are available free of charge in single copies only for specific lakes requested from the Game and Fish Commission's Atlanta office. Also available are maps of TVA's Blue Ridge, Nottely, and Chatuge Reservoirs, along with the Crisp County Power Corporation's Lake Blackshear and the State Game and Fish Commission's McDuffie Public Fishing Area. The location of these lakes, and fishing streams throughout the state along with fishing tips and fishing illustrations are included in a free pamphlet entitled "Fish and Fishing."

A brochure, "Saltwater Fishing in Georgia," which includes a detailed map of the Georgia coastline showing launching facilities, boat rentals, etc., and a description of the species found on the coast is also available free from the Commission's Atlanta office.

WILDLIFE RANGERS

Georgia's wildlife rangers are charged with enforcement of all of Georgia's game, fish, and boating laws. In the performance of their duties, rangers may search any property outside buildings, posted or otherwise, and may confiscate any wildlife taken illegally. Rangers may also confiscate any vehicle, boat, animal, firearm or light, used to hunt deer at night, and the Director of the Commission will sell the confiscated items at public auction.

When making cases against game law violators, rangers will carry offenders to the officers of the county in whose jurisdiction the violation took place. Violation of any game and fish law or regulation is a misdemeanor. Judges in such cases may impose a fine of up to \$1,000 or a sentence of up to one year in jail or both. Fines and forfeitures of wildlife cases are used first to pay court costs, with any remainder going into the county school funds. Wildlife rangers and the State Game and Fish Commission do not receive any money from fines, and disposition of wildlife cases are out of their hands after being turned over to local court officials.

Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and other peace officers may also enforce the State's game laws and regulations.

Ignorance of the law is not a legal excuse in wildlife cases.

TROUT FISHING REGULATIONS

TROUT SEASON

The Georgia mountain trout season runs from April 1, 1971 through October 2, 1971, except in wildlife management areas of the Game and Fish Commission, where the season begins May 1st and ends September 6th on Labor Day, with fishing only on designated days outlined in the Trout Schedule. The schedule can be obtained by writing the State Game and Fish Commission at Trinity-Washington St. Building, 270 Washington St., S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Except for the management areas, the April 1st-October 2nd season applies to all of the streams in the 11 Northeast Georgia mountain counties of Dawson, Fannin, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Murray, Pickens, Rabun, Towns, Union, and White, plus the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries to the high water mark from the Buford Dam below Lake Sidney Lanier downstream 31 miles to the Roswell Highway U. S. #19 bridge between Roswell and Sandy Springs north of Atlanta. Other streams in the counties of Bartow, Catoosa, Cherokee, Floyd, Gordon, Paulding, Polk, and Walker are closed when posted as trout water by the Game and Fish Commission.

The April 1st-October 2nd season applies to only one lake in the above counties located on trout waters, Dockery Lake, and does not apply to any other lake in these counties.

Creel Limit — Eight trout of all species per person per day. Possession limit 8 trout.

Fishing Hours — 30 minutes before sunrise to 30-minutes after sunset on all trout streams. No night fishing allowed in trout streams. No fishing is allowed in Lake Lanier and other large reservoirs stocked with trout.

Special Regulations — Coleman River below Forest Service Road No. 54 restricted to artificial lures only, 10-inch minimum size limit on brown and rainbow trout, 7-inch minimum size limit on brook trout. Chattahoochee River below Buford Dam to the Old Jones Bridge restricted to artificial lures only with a 10-inch minimum size limit for all trout species. Fishermen on artificial lure only streams may not possess live or natural bait.

Special Regulations — 14-inch minimum size limit on all species of mountain trout in Blue Ridge, Burton, Clark Hill, Hartwell, Lanier, Rabun, Seed, and Tallulah Falls lakes and below Burton Dam and Seed Lake Dam. There is no size limit on other lakes. The tributaries of the lakes listed above except the Chattahoochee, Chestatee, Savannah, Little Broad, Toccoa, and Tugaloo Rivers are closed to fishing from Dec. 1 through March 31 for a distance of three miles upstream from the lake. The 14-inch minimum length also applies to the tributary rivers listed above. Below designated trout waters the 14-inch minimum size limit does not apply to tributary streams open during the regular trout season, April 1, 1971 through Oct. 2, 1971.

TROUT SCHEDULE

Complete information on Georgia trout regulations, directions to fishing areas and management area regulations are contained in a folder which can be obtained by writing the Game & Fish Commission, Trinity-Washington Street Building, 270 Washington St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30334.

McDUFFIE PUBLIC FISHING AREA

The McDuffie Public Fishing Area consists of 15 ponds open for fishing March 1 through October 31. The easily accessible ponds are well fertilized and heavily stocked with largemouth bass, bream, and channel catfish. Fishermen may use their own boats on the lakes, but only with electric motors. There is an admission charge of \$1.00 per day for each fisherman 16 years of age or older.

Directions from Augusta: Go to Dearing, Georgia, turn left at caution light and travel 3 miles to Iron Hill Church. Turn right at church, go to wooden sign, turn left on dirt road, travel .8 mile to checking station.

Directions from Thomson: East on U. S. 278, 5.2 miles, bear right at large wooden sign on sharp curve and travel 3.3 miles on paved road to wooden sign. Turn right on dirt road and travel .8 mile to checking station.

ARROWHEAD PUBLIC FISHING AREA

The Arrowhead Public Fishing Area consists of two ponds, one of which will be open for fishing on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sunday only, April 1, through October 31, 1971. The easily accessible ponds are stocked with channel catfish and some bass and bream, and are well fertilized. No boats are allowed for fishing on the area. There is an admission charge of \$1.00 per day for each fisherman 16 years of age or older.

Directions from Rome:

From traffic light at Floyd County Hospital go 7.1 miles north on Highway 27 to Armuchee Post Office. Turn right and go 4.5 miles to the Arrowhead Public Fishing Area.

Directions from Summerville:

Go south on Highway 27 to Armuchee Post Office. Turn right and go 4.5 miles to the Arrowhead Public Fishing Area.

Directions from Calhoun:

Take Highway 156 west 13 miles to McKinney's Grocery Store. Turn right and go one mile to the Arrowhead Public Fishing Area.

FISHING WITHOUT PERMISSION

It is illegal for anyone to fish on the lands of another without first obtaining permission from the owner or the person in charge. This problem is especially acute on trout streams, which are all non-navigable.

On such streams, the property owner on one side of the stream owns the stream bed to its center. Where one landowner owns both sides of a non-navigable stream, he also owns the entire bed of the stream, and can bar any fisherman or boaters from it. Wildlife rangers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and all other peace officers of the State, and of any county or city are charged with enforcing this law, which is a misdemeanor like all violations of game and fish laws and regulations, with a possible \$1,000 fine or a 12 months jail sentence. Fishermen are not required to have permission to fish in lands of the Chattahoochee National Forest, in public fishing areas of the State Game and Fish Commission or in state parks.

SALE OF FISH

It is illegal for any person to sell or buy fresh water game fish in Georgia without a permit from the Game and Fish Commission. Pond owners may sell game fish from their ponds after obtaining prior approval from the Commission before taking the fish.

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